

# Farm to School

## Purpose

OSU Extension (OSUE) provides statewide leadership to Ohio Farm to School (OFS). The OFS program fosters procurement of local foods and promotes activities that help students understand where food comes from and how food choices affect their health, environment, and community. Extension's OFS Advisory Group includes government agencies, industry associations, and nonprofit organizations. OSUE serves as Ohio's leader in the National Farm to School Network and a contact for the USDA Farm to School Program.

## Impact

Of the 1258 Ohio school districts/entities surveyed, 717 completed the 2015 Farm to School Census. Over a quarter (27%) of responding districts reported they participate in Farm to School, indicating need for further growth.

Over 150 educators, food service professionals and producers participated in the 2015 Farm to School Conference, and nearly 300 collectively attended the six regional 2014 Farm to School workshops

## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

OSU Extension program areas:

Family and Consumer Sciences,  
Community Development,  
4-H Youth Development, and  
Agriculture and Natural  
Resources.

## Community Partners Involved

Ohio Department of Education  
Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Ohio Department of Health  
Ohio Farm Bureau  
Action for Healthy Kids  
American Dairy Association  
Organizations participating in local  
and regional Food Councils

hosted by OSU Extension. Those participants gained knowledge, resources, connections, and inspiration.

Across Ohio, OSU Extension, farmers/producers, and public health professionals collaborate in Farm to School partnerships and events, such as "School to Farm Road Trips" and "Farm to Family Nights."



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